Re: Administrator abuse

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"Bruce Chambers" <bchambers@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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> Michael A. Covington wrote:
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> > Others have proposed technical solutions, but I'd sue her or charge her with theft. It's the same as changing the lock on somebody else's building or car without permission.
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> He's get laughed out of court. After all, he's the one who gave her free rein on the computer, in the first place. If he gave her access to an account with administrative privileges, it's a clear statement that she had his permission to do whatever she wanted with the computer.

I don't think so. People routinely trust other people with access to buildings, cars, etc., and the means to damage them, trusting them not to do the damage. What if someone lent me the key to a building and I had the lock changed without his permission, subsequently keeping him out? Possessing a key is not the same as having permission to make any and all changes whatsoever.

This is an interesting dialogue, though, because it shows how people assume computers aren't part of the same world as cars or buildings.

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